

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WHITE HOUSE SUPPORT STAFF

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DIRECTOR: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--THE MILITARY SITUATION

Over 30

civilians were killed or wounded by rockets between April 13 and 15. Ground combat activity in the capital region is centered along Route 5 some ten miles northwest of the city and along the Bassac River five miles below Phnom Penh. Government units in both areas are trying to retake outposts lost to the Communists over the weekend. A Mekong River resupply convoy reached Phnom Penh on April 13; two vessels were hit but not damaged by Communist shellings en route. Convoys on the Tonle Sap River north of Phnom Penh continue to run a gauntlet of heavy shellfire.

In the countryside, government and insurgent units continue to trade heavy fire at Kampot but no significant ground has changed hands. Supplies and reinforcements are still being landed on the coast and moved overland to Kampot. Elsewhere, the Communists have expanded their holdings on Route 4 some 35 miles west of Phnom Penh and there are signs that the nearby provincial capital of Kompong Speu may also come under attack.

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